

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Processes for reducing viscosity in an aqueous polysaccharide composition comprising combining the aqueous composition with a non-aqueous viscosity reducing agent. In particular, processes for reducing the viscosity in an aqueous carbohydrate gum composition. In particular, processes for reducing viscosity of an aqueous composition of polysaccharide comprising combining viscosity reducing agent with the polysaccharide composition in an amount effective to form a two phase system. Products produced according to the aforementioned processes are also described. Aqueous compositions including polysaccharide and non-aqueous viscosity reducing agent, and wherein the water content of the composition is at least about 40 wt%. Aqueous compositions including polysaccharide and non-aqueous viscosity reducing agent and wherein the viscosity of the composition is reduced by at least 10%. Processes for resolubilizing solid oxidized carbohydrate gum comprising combining aqueous solvent with the oxidized carbohydrate gum under conditions effective to give a resolubilized composition a pH less than about 7.